Details of Kendriya Vidyalayas

1999. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Kendriya Vidyalayas, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have any proposal to set up any new Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) The details of Kendriya Vidyalayas, State-wise, are annexed. [*See* Appendix 202, Annexure No. 8].

(b) At present, there is no proposal to open new Kendriya Vidyalayas.

(c) Does not arise.

Fire drill to school children

2000. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to inculcate fire drill to all the school children to save them in disasters;

(b) if so, the instructions issued in this regard; and

(c) the other steps being taken to make classrooms safe for young lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHARF FATMI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Union Minister of Human Resource Development by a letter dated 27th July, 2004 has requested all Chief Ministers of States (Refer to the statement appended to S.Q. No. 389) to take all possible steps for ensuring safety and well-being of school children, including adequate arrangements for fire safety, regular inspections, and monitoring, and also organize safety drill and various other activities to inculcate appropriate health and safety culture among teachers and students.

(c) All-out efforts are being made to take adequate care for prevention of fire accidents All Kendriya Vidyalayas have been instructed to contact the nearest fire station officer to immediately demonstrate fire safety measures to be taken in a school and to make it an annual feature to keep all students aware of the fire safety measures needed and to train teachers/students in fire drill.

CBSE has issued a circular on 26th July, 2004 for all its affiliated schools bringing to notice certain broad preventive measures, common and necessary for all schools, in the form of a questionnaire for introspection and taking necessary steps.

All Navodaya Vidyalayas have been instructed to provide fire safety equipments like fire extinguishers, water tanks etc. Construction agencies have been requested to revise their designs of plans as per the requirements of the fire safety measures Vidyalayas have been instructed to ensure safety of children from electric fittings, hanging wires and other electric gadgets.

Students leaving country for education abroad

2001. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT. Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of students who passed senior secondary examination could not get admission in pursuit of higher studies in colleges in the country and had to go to foreign countries for further studies;

(b) if so, the number of students who went abroad for higher studies this year and their destinations, and

(c) what options have been made available for the remaining students for higher studies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), presently there are 325 universities and 16,000 colleges in the country with an enrolment of about 94 lakh students. Besides, a number of universities have made provisions for higher studies through distance education Non-availability of seats in colleges in the country may not, therefore, be the only reason for the Indian students